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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
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Operational/CAPT/CAPTAIN

Proposed Employment of Identity A.

Ref.- MEM 9710; MEM 0409

1. Headquarters cannot approve the employment of Identity A in the CAPTAIN project for the following reasons:

a. The results of Identity A's ~~LESTER~~ to the contrary notwithstanding, his sustained internment as an automatic arrestee by ~~CHURCH~~ forces from 12 June 1945 to 24 September 1946 and his extradition as an alleged war criminal by ~~CHURCH~~ authorities to Luxembourg are experiences which we must consider as militating against his loyalty to any ~~CHURCH~~ employer. At the very least they preclude any reasonable justification for reliance upon his loyalty.

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b. Identity A's ~~MEMAP~~, Gestapo and SS background disqualified him for police employment under principles of democratic administration imposed by American occupation authorities. His preoccupation with anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish measures for four years in Danabach was rewarded by promotion in grade, which gives rise to the probability that he implemented this depraved and degenerate program with approving enthusiasm reflecting character traits which Headquarters finds unacceptable in any agent except in extraordinary cases of which this is not one. As you know, we do not object to the exploitation of unscrupulous characters as informants, but this is quite different from trusting an agent in continual responsibilities demanding honesty, loyalty and personal integrity. Moreover, a flap exposing ~~CHURCH~~ connection with such a person would be inordinately expensive in terms of prestige, a risk unnecessary to run where better candidates are available.

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1. Even if the foregoing objections were to be waived it is doubted that the man's age commends him for the arduous tasks which some surveillance operations might require of him.

2. It is therefore requested that Identity A no longer be considered as a **CASUAL** prospect.

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